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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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For: Guaranteed Data Access Speed of a  
Storage System

Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

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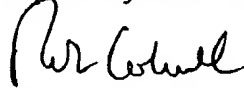
In response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2004, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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